

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24**  
**CIBI SCIENCE EXPO**

*WHEREAS*, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the upcoming Council of Independent Black Institutions (CIBI) youth Science Expo to be held this Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2010 in St. Louis at the Wyman Temple at Cabanne and Kingshighway in the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward and;

*WHEREAS*, the local affiliate member of this international organization is the Frederick Douglass Institute who is the host and local organizer for this international event;

*WHEREAS*, the Frederick Douglass Institute has for over 30 years educated youth from throughout the St. Louis area, graduating many who have moved on the greater heights including advanced degrees and establishing families of their own; and

*WHEREAS*, the CIBI Science Expo allows youth to display science projects and each be individually graded and judged against a standard of their own merit thus not pitting youth against one another but creating a joyful spirit of cooperation and collectivity that leaves all feeling acknowledged, uplifted and inspired; and

*WHEREAS*, CIBI produces an international publication call "Fundisha!" which in English translates as "Teach" that reviews the expo and displays articles of interest to African American teachers and educators and addresses issues of upliftment and education for the African American Community; and

*WHEREAS*, this year's Science Expo will include displays from youth from all over the United States and give these youth the unique opportunity to have Kiswahili, Yoruba and Twi language classes while their displays are being reviewed; and

*WHEREAS*, CIBI was founded in 1972 and serves as an international clearinghouse for African educational research and curriculum objectives and offers various publications, workshops and forums; and

*WHEREAS*, the CIBI Science Expo is designed to encourage students to develop and use their natural competence and interest in the various fields of science while destroying the myth the minds of many African American youth that African Americans can not and have not been innovators or have an aptitude in science; and

*WHEREAS*, the CIBI Science Expo emphasizes how science can be used to advance the human cause and encourages youth to develop an attitude of service to their community, people and interest in the advancement of all humanity.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Frederick Douglass Institute and the Council of Independent Black Institutions for their many years of service and contributions to the youth of our community and by adoption of this resolution wish them well in this year's Science Expo and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of April, 2010 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 23rd day of April, 2010 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney

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Lewis E. Reed

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

President, Board of Aldermen